| UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT |
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| SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK |

IN RE: WORLD TRADE CENTER LOWER MANHATTAN DISASTER SITE LITIGATION

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CHARLES FRANCIS AND ARLENE FRANCIS,

Plaintiff(s), Index No.: 07CV1611

-against-

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

1:21-MC-00102-AKH

HILLMAN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LLC., VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS, INC., VERIZON NEW YORK, INC, AND VERIZON PROPERTIES, INC., ET AL,

Defendant(s).

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COUNSELORS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendant, HILLMANN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LLC, (hereinafter HILLMANN) as and for it's response to the allegations set forth in the Complaint by adoption or Check-Off Complaint related to the Master Complaint filed herein and applicable to the above captioned matter hereby adopts all of the responses and all of the affirmative defenses contained in the Answer to the Master Complaint dated, filed and served August 2, 2007, *In re World Trade Center Lower Manhattan Disaster Site Litigation*, 21MC 102 (AKH). The responses to all of the allegations in the Master Complaint are adopted herein and are applicable to the Check-Off Complaint served and filed herein. Defendant, HILLMANN, also adopts the responses contained in any Amended Answer filed and served herein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Defendant, HILLMANN, reserves the right to serve and file an amended answer and specifically reserves the right to interpose a cross claim against any and all co-defendants.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Defendant, HILLMANN, also adopts all affirmative defenses and the jury demand herein.

WHEREFORE, Defendant, HILLMANN, demands judgment dismissing the above captioned action against it along with the costs and disbursements of this action.

Dated: White Plains, New York September 11, 2007

Yours, etc.,

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STATE OF NEW YORK: COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER:

Cristina A. Villani, being duly sworn, says, I am not a party to the action, am over 18 years of age and reside at White Plains, New York.

On September 11th, 2007 I filed with the USDC pursuant to ECF filing instructions under Case No.: 1:21-mc-00102-AKH and emailed a true copy of the annexed DEFENDANT HILLMAN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP LLC NOTICE OF ADOPTION by electronic mailing the same to the following parties at their last known electronic mailing address:

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Sworn to before me this 11th day of September 2007

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